FATE OF TURKEY BEING DECIDED IN GREAT BATTLE

Ottoman Army Is Fighting With Its Back to Wall.

MINISTER OF WAR LEADING TROOPS

Dispatches Say That Long Awaited Engagement Is Being Fought, but Scene of Action Is Unknown-Position of Turkish Forces Said to Be Favorable.

London, October 29.—The long awaited battle which will decide the fate of Turkey now is being fought. The army under Nazim Pasha, Minister of War and commander-in-chief, is engaged, and according to Constantinople official dispatches, the operations are favorable to the Ottomans. The dispatches, however, do not indicate where the chief action is taking place to bow the opening forces compare.

Great Battle Waging.

Constantinople, October 19.—A late telegram received from Nazim Pasha says that the battle begun to-day is still being waged with great violence. He adds that the situation for the Ottoman troops is very favorable.

Another official dispatch reports gehting yesterday and to-day between Uskub, to the east of Kirk-Killisseh and Visa. Two battalions of Bulgarians were cut off from the main body and sustained heavy losses.

Fighting continues between the Greeks and Turks in the Kodani region of Macedonia. According to reports

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R. T. O'KENNON A SUICIDE

Gas in Baltimore.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Baltimore, Md., October 23 .- Making a funnel from a newspaper, R. T. O'Kennon, of Petersburg, Va., a traveling salesman for an awning company of Rosnoke, Va., committed suicide in the Lexington Fictel, in this city, to-

the Lexington Hotel, in this city, tonight by inhaling filuminating gas.

O'Kennon came to Baltimore two
days ago on a steamer of the Merchants' and Miners' Line from Jacksonville, Fiz. In a note which he left
he said that he left Petersburg on October 21 and went to cities in South
Carollina, Georgia and Florida. After
coming to Baltimore he went to Phaladelphia and Washington, but returned
to this city to-night.

Beveral guests at the hotel detected
gas, and when O'Kennon's room was
broken open he was found dead, with
the gas turned full on. He gave no
reason why he ended his life. He was
a well dressed man of thirty-five years,
and mentioned in the note that he had
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As the body was warm when found, physicians worked on it for an hour trying to resuscitate the victim. Their efforts were futile.

In the note he requested that his brother, R. H. O'Kennon, of Petersburg, be notified. Cards of the Richmond Hardwood Company, 112 North Ninth Street, Richmond, Va., were found in his pockets. Coroner Chambers, of the Central District, decided that death was due to suicide. The body will be held here pending the action of Virginia relatives.

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New Order Makes Big Death of Sherman May Cut on Fourth-Class Matter.

LAW IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1

Important Ruling Regarded by Postmaster Allan as Distinct Step in Advance-Reduces Rate Per Pound From 16 to 5 Cents in Fifty-Mile Zone.

An order promulgated Yesterday by Postmaster - General Frank Hitchcock serves notice that, beginning January 1913, all merchandise hitherto mailed as fourth-class matter will have to be sent in accordance with the new parcels post regulations, and will be mailable only when bearing the dis-

A Step in Advance.
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PARCELS POST NO HOPE HELD OUT WILL REDUCE RATE FOR HIS RECOVERY

Come Within Few Days.

HIS CONDITION IS NOT CHANGED

Vice-President Is Restless and at Times Irrational - Physicians and Family Make No Secret of His Desperate Illness. Possible Result Dis-

Sherman Sleeps After . Unsatisfactory Day

Utten, N. Y., October 29.—After a restless and unsatisfactory day. Vice-President Sherman dropped off to sleep while sitting in his chair to 820 o'clock to-night, and at 11 o'clock still was sleeping. Dr. Peck, who had been with him most of the time for twenty-four hours, left for home, expressing confidence that his patient would go through the night without great distress. His kidneys are acting somewhat more favorably.

Utica, N. Y., October 29.-No ma terial change was noted to-day in the condition of Vice-President Sherman.

At 6 o'clock to-night Dr. Peck is-sued the following statement relative to the condition of his patient: "For the past week or ten days Mr. Sherman's friends and physicians have Sherman's friends and physicians have felt a great deal of solicitude about him, and for the past three or four days his uremic condition has caused a great deal or alarm. After a very disturbing day yesterday he fells into a natural sleep at 11 o'clock last night without the aid of sleep-producing

without the aid of sleep-producing drugs and slept until 5 o'clock th's a morning quietly and comfortably. This afternoon there has been a recurrence of his disturbance, but for the larger part of the afternoon he has been resting quietly. His heart strength is keeping up well, his pulse is from 30 a to 58; temperature practically normal; respiration from 17 to 30."

During the day there were several emergency calls from the Sherman house for the physician. The Vicely and the second by the presence of uremic poison due to the inaction of the kidneys and, if he succeeds, expects a marked improvement. In no event does he anticipate a vital crisis for a day or two.

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All accounts of the fight pay tribute to the valor of the Servian officers and men. Lieutenant Millch, commanding an infantry company, blew out his promises to the American peopen his men charged the Turks and all of them were killed.

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Will Become Wife of Thomas Joseph Preston, of WellsCollege.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS AUTHORIZED

She Is Widow of Grover Cleveland. Former President of United States, and Her Wedding Was Notable Event in White House History. Date Not Yet Fixed.

Princeton, N. J., October 29 .- Mrs. Grover Cleveland authorizes the announcement of her engagement to Thomas Joseph Preston, professor of archaeology and history of arts at Wells College. The date of the marriage is not yet determined, but will be announced later.

Mrs. Cleveland is a graduate of Wells College, and has been a trustee of that institution since 1887.

Her wedding to President Grover Cleveland, which took place in the Executive Mansion during his first administration, was one of the notable events in the history of the White House. Her father, Oscar Folsom, was

House. Her father, Oscar Folson. was a law partner of Mr. Cleveland, who upon Mr. Folsom's death in 1875, became Frances Folsom's guardian.

After his retirement from the presidency Mr. Cleveland made his permanent home in Princeton, and Mrs. Cleveland has continued to reside there since the former President died Her two daughters, Esther in 1908. Her two daugnters, Estates and Marion, and her son Richard F., are living with her here.

The announcement of the engagement was made to-night by President John Grier Hibben, of Princeton Uni-

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No Effort to Conceal Facts.

There is no effort to conceal the facts concerning the Vice-President's case. On the contrary, both Dr. Peck and Mr. Sherman's family concede its critical nature.

The doctors say, however, that kidney diseases are of such a nature that it is quite impossible to foretell the course of any given case with exactiness. Mr. Sherman's robust constitution is in his favor, but the fact that the has lost ground steadily since August weighs against him.

Dr. Janeway, of New Tork, and Dr. Elsner, of Syranuse, both of whom have been called into consultation during the past ten days, confirm Dr. Peck's diagnosis, leaving no doubt that the kidneys are the seat of the maidy, while the heart, the arteries and the muscles about the heart are all seriously involved.

Paris.

"Returning to America, he came to Princeton for two more years of additional study. On account of the wide range and unusual excellence of his work, both in undergraduate and graduate studies, he took at the same commencement not only the degree of M. A. as well, a very unique attainment. He was also elected at that time to the Princeton Chapter of the Fhi Beta Kappa Society.

"Professor Preston was exceedingly popular, and made many friends while at Princeton. He was subsequently appointed fellow of the American School of Classical Study at Rome, and later won in a competition open to all universities of the United States the fellowship of the Archaeological Institute of America. After pursuing his setudies abroad, he returned to Princeton and took his degree of doctor of philosophy. He was then called to his present professorship of Weil's Col-

lege.
"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Preston,
Sr., live in South Orange, N. J."

TAKES HER OWN LIFE

to miss Mary Preciand, Reintive of Passion on react Source, a Subdistance, [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, October 29.—A greatcer, see Mary Fontaine Preciand, committed to in the committee of the c New Tork, October 28.—A greatgrandaughter of Patrick Henry, Miss
Mary Fontaine Preeland, committed
suicide this morning by taking see in
a room she had occupied for the last
three weeks in Mira H. T. Miller's
boarding house at 63 West Prity-fifth
Street. She was fifty years old.
Miss Freeland was connected with
many of the prominent families of the
South. She was related to the Dandridges, from which family came the
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wife of George Washington: to the
Randolphs, who gave three Governors
to Virginia: to Bishop Meade, the first
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of Commodore Maury, of Civil War
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HURLED FROM FAST TRAIN

Dynamite Wes Intended to Destroy Steel Construction West.

Indianapolis, Ind., October 29.—Testimony that two packages of dynamite were carried on a fast passenger train from Chicago, and that, after a fuse of each package was lit, both bundles were thrown out of the train window into some steel construction work at Indiana Harbor, Ind., was given at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial to-day.

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John F. Byrns, a sight watchman,
testified that at 1 A. M. May 24, 1909,
he nowed the sputter of a fuse burning in the darkness. Investigating, he
said, he found the fire was fast reaching fourteen steks of dynamite Wrapped together in a Chicago newspaper.
Unable to extinguish the fuse, he
threw the dynamite into an inlet of
the lake, said Byrns. Near a patrol
box, where he was going to send in a
call, Byrns testified, he found another
package of fourteen sticks of dynamite, the fuse to which had been
lighted, but had gone out.

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The witness said no one could have put the explosive at those points except by throwing it of a train. The government contends that some one other than Ortic E. McManigai and James B. McNamara arranged for the explosion.

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Gerald Mays, a night watchman in the office building in Didianapolis where the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers had its headquarters, testified that ten days before his arrest J. J. McNamara had many boxes moved out of the office to a vault in the basement. Mays said after the Los Angeles Times explosion he saw P. A. Cooley, New Orleans, a member of the executive board, now on trial, go into the office to talk to McNamara.

BALLOONS STILL IN AIR

They Started Sunday in Contest for Gordon Bennett Cup.

Gordon Sennett Cup.

Berlin, October 29.—While many of the balloons which started from Stuttgart Sunday in the international contest for the Gordon Bennett Cup have returned to the earth, some of them still are in the air. The Belgian balloon Minckelers, piloted by F. Gerard, landed last night at Alexanderhof, in Coureland, Russia, having covered 1,-250 kilometers (777 miles), the long-est distance so far reported.

Patchiauvascia, alloted by Broeckel-

1,200 kilometers.

Jean de Francia, in charge of the English balloon Honeymoon, sent a message that he hoped to sail for another night.

Avon Hoffman, Pilot Berry's aide in the American balloon Million Population, reports having seen a balloon very high, drifting over the Baltic in the direction of Denmark.

The German, Hamburg III, piloted by F. Eimermacher, landed in the Ro-mentin forests, the Emperor's great nart), Austria, landed at Rosenow sole, apparently in Russian Polar Selgica II. (Lemuster), Beigium, ma Lianding in Bohemia.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

DIAZ TO BE EXECUTED

IF PANIC COMES IT WILL BE EASY TO PLACE BLAME

Talk of Disaster Not Prediction, but a Threat.

UP TO THOSE WHO CONTROL CREDIT

Governor Wilson Replies Statement of Taft, and Regrets Necessity of Teaching History to President of United States-Attacks Both His Opponents.

Newark, N. J., October 29. - Govern Woodrow Wilson, in three speed filled with satirical attacks on his of ponents, emphasized in New 2s to-night that he was not a bell in free trade, and that the Demi-tic party did not intend to dis legal business or the prosperity of untry if put into power.

The Democratic nominee decis

country if put into power.

The Democratic nomines declar
those of his opponents who constant
asked him to define his position on t
tariff "could not read the Engli
language."

He said he had repeated time a
again in his speeches his policy
cutting out of the tariff merely t
special privileges lodged in it. "t
thoughtful Democrat," he added, "h
advocated free trade."

ence, and again at Newark, where spoke to-night. He said it was we to attribute that panic to tariff le

I find it necessary to teach it more. I find myself abashed in fa

came a year afterward, and car

Reported That Order of Supreme Court
Will Be Ignored.

Mexico City, October 29.—That General Felix Diax and his associates with the executed at Vera Cruz in accordance with the decree of the court-martial, in spite of the order of the Supremi Court, is the disqueting rumor which reached the capital to-day. There is some reason to believe they were placed in San Juan de Ulloa prison to-day.

Colonel Diaz Ordaz, chief licutenant in the Diaz revoit, who escaped in the in the Diaz revoit, who escaped in the Philadelphia last night, and yet an extended the capital are revoit.